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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. KUDO  
Serial No.: 10/730,001  
Filed: December 9, 2003  
For: ENCODING DEVICE AND ENCODING METHOD  
Group: 2621  
Examiner: Anand Rao

**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 27, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2008, the reply thereto being extended by three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time set to expire on June 27, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.